

Minutes of the Wilton Town Team meeting held on Thursday July 21st at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber

Present: Wilts Cllr Peter Edge (Chairman), **Andy Kinsey** (Wilton & District Business Chamber), **Cllr Phil Matthews** (Town Council), **David Parker** (Editor, Valley News), **Jonathan Greening** (Minister Baptist Church), **Catherine Purves** (Town Clerk), **Mark Pountain** (Chairman Wilton CLT), **Sue Harper** (Our Wilton)

Apologies: Jayne Paessler-Whatley (Wilton Carnival), **Gary Nunn** (Community Events), **Neil Prigent** (Jas Hair), **Stephen Harris** (Area Board Community Engagement Manager), **David Corp** (Wilton Shopping Village), **Trevor Batchelder** (Mayor of Wilton), **Rev'd Mark Wood** (Rector, Parish Church),

1. **Chairman's Welcome and apologies** - Peter Edge welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received were noted as above

2. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held in June** - it was noted that the minutes were incorrect in the matter of the election of Vice Chairman. In fact, Andy Kinsey had proposed, and Phil had seconded David Parker's nomination as Vice Chairman. David had accepted, and as there were no other nominations, David Parker had been elected as Vice Chairman. With this amendment, the minutes were approved as a correct record.

3. **Matters arising – Wilton Cycle Race**
Catherine reported that the Town Team's thoughts had been considered by the Full Council, and a letter had been written to Wiltshire Council including these views.

4. **Updates**
 - i. **Community Bus** - David reported that he had met the Wiltshire Community Transport Group, which was very supportive of this initiative. A logo had been suggested - "Wheels for Wilton" A discussion followed, during which it was agreed that a joined-up approach with other community bus services was needed, otherwise there would be too many overlapping services, leading to inefficiencies. Sue thought a mapping exercise would be helpful to identify which company is located where, its service routes and when it is active, as this information would have an effect on the Wilton Hill/Erskine Park Transport Plan which was required under the s106 agreement for the site. It was noted that a pool of volunteer drivers would be needed, and the vehicles would need to be DDA friendly to cover all ages and requirements. There would need to be proper co-ordination with other service providers, and a proper booking procedure.
It was thought that the mapping exercise should be undertaken, and a business plan drawn up including realistic costings, so that applications can be made for funding from various organisations including the Government, the National Lottery and the Area Board. This will be discussed again at the next meeting in September. Meanwhile Peter will make enquiries about the Area Boards Community Funding for buses, David will provide the costings and business plan, and Catherine will ask the Town Council to consider making a financial contribution towards the funding of an awareness campaign.

Mark offered the possible use of office space in due course, once the CLT arrangements with Our Wilton were concluded and funding being generated. Jonathan thought the Baptist Church would find the proposed service very useful for bring members to church each week.

- ii. *Town Trail* – David advised that the Business Chamber would like to see the proofs of the town trail leaflets, as would all members of the Town Team, and the Town Council. He confirmed that the Business Chamber would be paying for the artwork, leaflets and two maps and three map lecterns, whilst the Town Council would be paying for the sign posts. Neil would be asked to obtain two further quotes for the leaflets and map.
- iii. *Wilton Parkway rail station* - Peter reported that unfortunately, this project was not one which had been given funding by the LEP. Only 11 out of 130 applications were approved. It was thought wise to wait and see which three projects had attracted funding in the Salisbury area before writing John Glen MP to ask for his continuing support for this project. It was noted he had been made PPS to the new Chancellor. Phil asked if the £15k required for the feasibility study was still needed. Peter confirmed that it was, as it was a visible demonstration of support for the project. He will ensure that it is included on the agenda for the Salisbury Transport Strategy workshop to be held in September. He confirmed that the project would cost approx £7.5m to deliver.
- iv. *Town Manager recruitment* - Mark reported that Our Wilton CIC had agreed to underwrite the administrative costs of the CLT upto £22k. A job description had been drawn up and reviewed, and both Our Wilton and the CLT firmly believed that the role should encompass the co-ordination of Town Team members as well as supporting the CIC and the CLT in the delivery of the Enterprise Hub. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the job title should be "Town Co-Ordinator", and that the CLT and Our Wilton should advertise the role widely - in Valley News, the Salisbury Journal, the Job Centre and all member websites, It is to be on a self employed basis, with the CLT taking responsibility for employment/HR issues.
- v. *"Wilton Welcomes" Initiative* - Following Neil's brief introduction at the last meeting, Sue outlined the scheme in more depth. It was noted that this will be the first of its kind in Wiltshire, and already twenty Wilton businesses have signed up before the formal launch on 1st August. Although it was mainly Our Wilton and the Business Chamber that were promoting this locally, the Churches were very welcome to become involved, if wished. A press release will be issued, and it was noted that the British Legion were involved at a District level.

5. Brief Updates from member bodies

a. *Community Land Trust* - Mark reported that the AGM had been held earlier in the month, but disappointingly was not as well attended as in previous years. Updates had been given on the CLT itself, and on progress at the Wilton Park/Erskine Park sites. The minutes will be circulated in due course.

b. *Our Wilton* - Sue reported that the invitations to tender for the 44 flats to form the Veterans accommodation had been sent out, and she hoped that the process would be complete, and the ground broken by October. The design and delivery of the Enterprise Hub was currently being looked at. Basepoint was no longer involved in

this project, having been replaced by the Enterprise Network. Work had also begun on the various options to supply the 60 place nursery facility.

c. Baptist Church - Jonathan reported that the joint youth camp had been very successful, and as result, the Church was looking into the possibility of taking on someone to deliver some youth work within the context of the Church.

d. Parish Church - in his absence, Mark had supplied the following report.

“Pulse Camp” (joint youth camp) had taken place very successfully, and as a result the possibilities for a “Wilton churches camp” (jointly with families from the Baptist Church) are being explored, together with activity days for younger members of our own congregations. **St. Peter’s Church** – was unsuccessful, again, in its application for help from the government Roof Repair scheme. At the same time the Church Buildings Council has decided NOT to support a bid to sell a silver tankard to raise funds for restoration work. It looks likely that an appeal will be launched in the autumn as a another attempt to raise the necessary funds to save the building.

Falcons – a pair of Peregrine Falcons has been spotted possibility roosting in the Campanile. As a result there are fewer pigeons and magpies around the church.

Tourists – the number of visitors – international as well as “local” – remains high, with a good “complementary arrangement” between Church and Wilton House in place to the benefit of both. **“Business”** – this summer sees a large number of weddings and baptisms at the main church. We are working to use each of these “family gatherings” to foster a sense of interest and connection to both the church and Wilton Town. **Primary School** – this week the “top class” of 15 people leave us: in September Reception class will have 30 new pupils. This is indicative of significant growth in pupil numbers – potentially reaching 180 on roll next year. For the first time, all year groups will be taught separately in September (until now at two years have overlapped) and a building programme will provide additional class and hall space by Sept. 2017. Church input remains strong – through weekly assembly and also “Foundation Governors” and also the “Open the Book” team – drawn from a number of different denominations.

e. Wilton & District Business Chamber - Andy reported the next Business Breakfast will take place on Tuesday 13th September at the Barford Inn, followed by the Wilton Event at the Wilton Shopping Village on Saturday 17th September. This will be opened by John Glen MP and Amanda Burnside. Tables must be booked and paid for in advance. Wilton in Bloom was a success again this year, and the Town Council will be asked to write to Linda Martin to thank her.

f. Wiltshire Council - Stephen had supplied the following report. **Area Board** - the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th July 2016. 6.30pm start, South Newton & Wishford Village Hall. **Safer and Supportive communities** (Safe Places/Dementia Friendly) – meetings have been held in Tisbury and Wilton and plans to be put in place to roll out to local businesses. Caroline Wilson from the Alzheimer’s Society will explain more at next meeting. **Nadder Centre, Tisbury** - Future tours are now being arranged for local community groups – contact me for more details. The opening date to be confirmed.

New Health and Wellbeing Champions - these are in the process of being appointed and they will act as the Area Board's representatives for older people and carers across South West Wiltshire.

g. Wilton Community Carnival - Jayne Paessler-Whatley had supplied the following report. It had been a great day, with a lot of support and positive feedback, although there were a few niggles. She had sent thanks to the Wilton Shopping Village for its support in hosting the event, and to the shops themselves for their support. A Salisbury Journal reporter had attended, and there had been positive coverage in the following week's paper. The AGM will be held in early autumn, as usual, to discuss the way forward for next year.

f. Town Council - Peter advised that as a result of Salisbury City's failure to absorb the neighbouring parish of Laverstock & Ford, their asset transfer scheme was on hold, which was having an effect on the CCTV provision in the area. Matters would become clearer in September, but as there was provision for Amesbury and Wilton to have their own independent systems, Wilton could still have its own CCTV provision in due course.

6. Any Other Business

David advised that Valley News had bought "The View" magazine, with the intention of turning it into a more educationally orientated publication. It was hoped to be able to stage an education fair in Wilton next year, after the 2017 Wilton Event.

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th September 2016 at 7.00pm when **Caroline Wilson, a Dementia Friends Information Worker from the Alzheimer's Society** will be present to give a brief presentation on Safer & Supportive Communities, particularly in respect of dementia.